Practice Set 2

A Whole Content Based Test for Class 8th English Olympiad

Directions for Q (1-5) Read the passage carefully and select the option that you consider the most appropriate answer to each question.

The History of Ice-Cream

George Washington went into debt over it, Nero sent slaves across his empire due to it and the success of modern day cafès owes a huge debt to it.

It is, of course, ice-cream. The Chinese are credited with being the first to add salt and saltpetre to snow or pounded ice to lower its freezing temperature in order to make frozen dairy dishes. Some experts claim that the process may have started during the Han Dynasty (206 BC - 220 AD), but food writers Weir and Liddell only present evidence from the Tang period (618 AD - 907 AD). However, the love of iced desserts and drinks dates back much further; the earliest ice-house (2250 BC) was unearthed in Iraq.

Nero loved his 'slushees' of snow flavoured with honey, fruit and wine. The Arab world had their 'charabs' and the Turks their 'chorbets'. Even Alexander the Great, after his conquest of Egypt in 332 BC, had 15 trenches dug and filled with snow for his cooled 'punches'!

The 1660s saw water ices in Spain and Italy as well as in the cities of Vienna and Paris, while Venice had its iced creams. However, it took the birth of the cafe to make them a popular fashion. When a Sicilian named Procope opened Paris' first cafe in 1686, it was the sorbets and ice-creams that entranced Parisian society as much as the coffee. Within 100 years, iced desserts had captivated diners from the USA to London to Scandinavia.

In the 1850s, an editor of The Age newspaper in Melbourne, James Harrison, invented the ice-maker and the refrigerator, thus making ice more readily available throughout the year.

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- The main purpose of the text is to
 a compare differences in iced desserts
 between cultures
 - b document the process of making iced dessens
 - c recount the development of iced desserts
 - d explain the popularity of iced desserts
- 2. In the third paragraph, the writer uses quotation marks around the words 'slushees' and 'punches' to show that _____.
 - a he wants to emphasise them
 - b he is using sarcasm
 - c they are modern terms
 - d they are taken from another text
- 3. According to the passage, the earliest discovered evidence for the consumption of iced desserts and drinks dates back to
 - a 2250 BC
- b 322 BC
- c 206 BC 220 AD
- d 618 AD 907 AD
- 4. Due to James Harrison's inventions
 - a iced desserts became readily available in Melbourne
 - b iced desserts could be made throughout the year
 - c a wider range of ice-cream flavours could be created
 - d paper cups or dishes were not needed to serve ice-cream
- 5. In the fourth paragraph the word 'captivated' is nearest in meaning to
 - a apprehended
- b enthralled
- c captured
- d arrested
- **6.** Find the antonym of the word underlined in the sentence below and accordingly select the best option.

Sunil <u>admitted</u> his mistake in cheating during the final exams.

- a abandoned
- b repulsed
- c challenged
- d denied

7.	Change the sentence given below into direct speech and accordingly select the best option.	14. In the passage below, the first and last
	My friend asked me when I usually got up.	sentences are identified as A and Z. The
	a My friend asked me, "When you usually got up?"	remaining four sentences are labelled as P, Q, R and S. Find the correct sequence of these four
	b My friend said to me, "When do you usually got up?"	sentences and select the correct option accordingly.
	My friend said to me, "When do you usually get up?"	A Abraham Lincoln managed a shop for a few months during his youth.
	d My friend questioned me, "When do you get up, usually?"	P Lincoln would jump up, attend to the
8.	Change the sentence given below to active voice and accordingly select the best option.	customer's needs and then go back to his reading.
	The instructions were being read out by the supervisor.	Q Sometimes a chance customer would come to his shop.
	a The supervisor is reading out the instructions.	R He used to lie full length on the counter of the shop reading a book.
	b The supervisor was reading out the instructions.	S Abraham's method of running the shop was totally different from others.
	c The supervisor had been reading out the instructions.	Z Never before or after had young Abraham got so much time for reading
	d The supervisor will reading out the instructions.	as he had in those days. a PQRS b RPSQ
Dir	ections for Q (9-10) Fill in the blanks using	c SRQP d RSQP
	ropriate tense forms and accordingly select the	
	option.	Directions for Q (15-16) Select the option
		having the meaning nearest to the idioms
9.	We the old man to the hospital last	underlined in the given sentences.
	evening. a took b take	15. Why don't you make a simple website for your business? There's nothing to it.
	c have taken d had taken	a It's like eating cake
10.	The doctor who treats him that he	b It doesn't require any money
	tomorrow.	c It's very easy
	a said, will be discharged	d It's not impossible
	b says, would be discharged	16. At the start of the meeting, Saurabh
	c has said, would be discharged	tried to break the ice by cracking a joke.
	d says, will be discharged	a cool frayed tempers
Dir	ections for Q (11-13) Fill in the blanks	b sway opinion
	g appropriate articles or determiners and	c entertain the opposite side
	rdingly select the best option.	d initiate interaction
	We met nice European girls on	Directions for Q (17-18) Identify the
11.	holiday.	grammatically incorrect sentence from the
	a an b the	given options.
	c some d any	THE PARTY OF THE P
12	I prefer mountains to the seaside.	17. a Last year I visited Australia for the first time.
2. 24.	- Committee of the Comm	b The Mathematics teacher punished
	a a b the c some d many	the boy because he hadn't made his homework.
13.	umbrella is of no use in	c Ramesh was in a hurry, so we couldn
	thunderstorm.	talk to me.
	a An, a b The, a	d Devinder fell off the ladder and
	c Many, a d An, the	fractured his leg.

- a I went to Mussoorie for a holiday.
 - I have cleaned the entire house except for the bathroom.
 - Take the second turning on the left to reach the bus stand.
 - The Delhi Vidhan Sabha consisting of seventy members.

Directions for Q (19-20) Change the complex sentence given below into a compound sentence and accordingly select the best option.

- 19. Besides making himself miserable, he makes others unhappy.
 - Despite making others unhappy, he makes himself miserable.
 - He makes others and himself miserable and unhappy.
 - He makes others as well as himself miserable.
 - He makes people beside himself miserable.
- 20. The problem was too difficult to be solved.
 - The problem was very difficult and therefore we couldn't solve it.
 - It was impossible to solve the problem.
 - Because the problem was too difficult, it could not be solved.
 - The problem was impossible for solution.

Directions for Q (21-22) Punctuate the given sentence to make it meaningful and accordingly select the best option

- 21. do you know if shes eligible and if she is eligible can she start the job tomorrow
 - Do you know if she's eligible, and if she is eligible can she start the job tomorrow?
 - Do you know if she's eligible and, if she is eligible, can she start the job tomorrow?
 - Do you know if she's eligible, and if she is eligible can she start the job tomorrow.
 - Do you know if she's eligible and if she is eligible, can she start the job tomorrow?
- 22. i am going Rizwan said to ask you a difficult question but you don't have to answer it
 - "I am going," Rizwan said, "to ask you a difficult question, but don't you have to
 - b "I am" going, Rizwan said, "to ask you a difficult question, but don't you have to answer it?"
 - "I am going," Rizwan said, "to ask you a difficult question but you don't have to answer it?"
 - "I am going," Rizwan said, "to ask you a difficult question, but you don't have to answer it."

Directions for Q (23-24) A formal letter is given below with some parts missing, but substituted by rectangles with numbers 23 and 24. Identify the text which the numbers may be substituted by from the options given below.

Customer	Service	Depa	irtment
Saurabh E	ducation	nal Pu	ublishers

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11th April 20XX

Mr Girish Khurana 741, MG Road, Hapur - 245101

Subject: Books Received in Damaged Condition

Dear Mr Khurana

Thank you for your letter dated 7th April 20XX regarding books sent by us through courier being received in damaged condition by you. We have contacted the courier agency responsible regarding this problem and will get back to you shortly. We cannot accept any blame in the matter, as we had packed the books securely.

We regret the inconvenience caused.

Despatch Officer

- 23. A well-known publisher
 - 45 Sarvodaya Nagar, Meerut -250001
 - First floor, Convenience Mall
 - c/o Educational Courier Service
- 24. With love
 - Hope to see you soon
 - Yours sincerely
 - Saurabh Educational Publishers
- 25. Find the option which is different from the others in any respect in the four given options. This means that one of the four given options does not belong to the group of the other three.
 - a Cub

b Bitch

c Dog

d Puppy 26. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate conjunction and accordingly select the best

Other planets have small moons ours is very large compared to the earth.

a and

b that

c but

d as well as

pirections for Q (27-28) Fill in the blank Directions for Q (29-30) Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate preposition and with the most appropriate modal and accordingly accordingly select the best option. select the best option. 27. Rupesh had really no excuse for me. I could have reached 29. You attacking that press photographer. there on my own. b of a in a couldn't wait b didn't need to wait d for c from c neednt have waited d need not wait 28. The young Major Jarnail Singh was 30. be able to I don't think that I the task of suppressing entrusted come. the riots. b would will b with a for d can't can onto Answers 4. b 5. b 6. d 20. a 19. c 14. c 15. c 17.b 18. d 12. b 13. a 16. d 11. c 30. a 29. c 24. c 27. d 28. b 23. b 25. a 26. c 22. d 21. b